BOOKS OF THE WEEK SEEN IN REVIEW AND COMMENT

CRITICAL REVIEWS OF THE SEASON'S LATEST BOOKS

New Fiction by Dorothy Canfield, Mary C. E. Wemyss, Samuel G. Blythe and Others. Books on Continental Criminal Law, Utilitarian Philosophy, Poland, Dante and Other Subjects. Mrs. Brooke's Charming Recollections of Rural Life Up the Hudson -A Woman and the War.

her husband and to look after her

daughters pretty well. She has a ro-

mantic aunt, one sister who is a

haughty beauty, another who is sen-

hood. When the girl grows up she

The heroine of Florence Irwin's The

is consistently selfish from beginning

as in him the making of a successful

New York woman, acquires the neces-

she should indulge in adulterous in-

social progress. The author appar-

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of her, her husband is alienated from

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ran Company) and even more in his

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her, her children do not care for her

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Dorothy Canfield's Tales.

Considering that they spread over comfort, though she seems to manage ten years there is remarkable uniformity of quality in the baker's dozen of short stories in Dorothy Canfield's The Real Motive (Henry Holt & Com- timental, all three doomed to spinster- (Holt) pany), and even more noticeable is the touch of melancholy beneath the surmarries her friend's brother against face in all. They are marked by character and originality, not in the incidents so much as in the manner the the lesson read in several of the stories, but the lesson is perfectly clear, whether it be the misapplied benevolence in the case of the Italian grocer self-satisfied tradesman or showing up the snobbishness of college society. The stories are told well; they go straight to the point; they keep reader thoroughly interested. What is much more unusual is that the cumulative effect of the collection is to end and is never betrayed into much stronger than that of any single an ordinarily decent action; she also story; there are not many volumes of has extraordinary luck. She starts as short stories that can stand the test of being read at one sitting.

Kindness Triumphant. A very delightful young girl will engage the reader's affection in Marv C. E. Wemyss's Jaunty in Charge (E. P. Dutton & Company) as a baby and P. Dutton & Company) as a baby and sary vices of society and is enabled by at every stage in her progress till an accident which makes her husband she finds the right young man. She justifies the extraordinary unworldly rich to transfer herself to New York. surroundings about her, her tender best society and succeeds in her observations hearted, absentminded father and the eccentric and devoted friend who wealth and reputation and her own her. There is an uneasy feeling throughout that their excessive innocence must bring disperse. Algorithm and reputation and her own shrewdness. How she makes up for the defects in her education is not shown; neither to be defected in her education is not shown; neither to be defected in her education is not shown; neither to be defected in her education is not shown; neither to be defected in her education is not shown; neither to be defected in her education is not shown; neither to be defected in her education is not shown; neither to be defected in her education is not shown; neither the defected in her education is not shown. ocence must bring disaster upon might do them harm. We may feel trigues, which are not needed for her some sympathy at first for the girl's more energetic sister who stifles in ently assumes that adultery is the rule in exclusive society. As she has de-prived her heroine of passion and prothe atmosphere of goodness and yearns for a more normal life, but she becomes soon too worldly and selfish. The incidents are purposely made absurd and the author expends her humor in descriptions of the village gossips. of the young women who watch the proceedings and misunderstand them proceedings and misunderstand them and on various other people. It is idea of anything like moral principle an enjoyable tale, charming in many parts, something of an emotional tour de force, the faults of which are redeemed by the heroine.

An English Girl's Career.

It is a picture of English provincial ociety as it progresses from mid-Victorian days to our own time that A Western Warwick (George H. Do-J. E. Ringrose has painted in The Round-About (George H. Doran Com-Round-About (George H. Boran Collision of the trusts and the pany); not a flattering picture by any means. The heroine at an early age means. The heroine at an early age boss describes with great frankness and boss describes with great frankness means. The heroine at an early age flies in the face of her family by making friends with an undesirable little girl neighbor, whose family prospers convention, nominated his own man, as the other declines, a friendship that secured the necessary financial backness. The heroine are the election. The heroine are the election of the criminal law in the countries and that the same principles have modified the Germanic laws simplifies somewhat the task and the exposition. The main subject is the development of the criminal law in the countries. turns out to be lifelong. The hero-ine's father appears only as an ill tells how he controlled the President tempered, unmannerly tyrant; ner for four years and fulfilled the prom-

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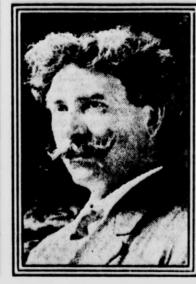
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Grace L. H. Lutz, author of

the wishes of her people, who drop her. Her husband is devoted to her. progress of a young girl's romance in idea; then she worries over her chil-the position his family once held. He "From Across the Hall" is delicate and dren because they are very modern. idea; then she worries over her chil- the position his family once held. He charming. There is humor to temper the war brings them together again. for the author tells only about his in clothes and in furnishings, and with erally brutal. He seems to take no cturing the complacence of the less definiteness those in manners and interest in his only son, whose career Road to Mecca (G. P. Putnam's Sons) ing and sense of proportion. He succeeds in the things his father tries. The father and son quarrel and sit opposite each other at table for years without speaking. The women are far the shiftless, uneducated daughter of more attractive; they are human and plain farmers and marries a man who loyal. The author follows the realistic practice of describing minutely man. She picks up her ideas of style many things that turn out to be imfrom the fashion papers. She is taken up by an unprincipled and dissipated material; he never forgets the "bowler" hats, for instance. He succeeds in holding the reader's close attention to a story that is not very attractive.

CRIMINOLOGY.

The Law.

The praiseworthy effort of lay chool professors to broaden the views of their profession by enabling it to understand how the civilized nations matters that courts must adjudicate on has brought into existence an admirable series of summaries of the various branches of the law, the "Continental Legal History" series, in which about a dozen volumes have appeared, the latest being A History of Continental Criminal Law, based on the work of Carl Ludwig von Bar. Brown & Company). The somewhat mechanical but very effective system stablished by the editors of the series is followed here; a standard text book has been selected as the basis of the work and where it does not fulfil the special purpose of the series, the omis sions and deficiencies are made up by selections from equally authoritative treatises, French, German, Spanish and Italian. The fact that the of western Europe; at the end is compact summary of the history of the theories regarding crime.

He also describes the disastrous results of overconfidence to himself and More restricted in scope and more his candidate. He is a Republican philosophical than legal in character is and a protectionist, so that the ill the valuable "Modern Criminal Science" series, to which William Adrian Bonger's Criminality and Eco-Pertinacity and vindictiveness are Brown and Company). The book may of them, and Health was another, given to the lowest forms of dissipa. While one of the reasons for the nevery well serve as an introduction to Health was a long way off. Its physition. His degraded fancy left him cold edition is the creation of five new secondary. made characteristic of the Welshman exhibited by Miles Lewis in Chapel (George H. Doran Company), while with an excellent survey of the literagood manners are wholly lacking. In ture on the subject and a statement of each author's statements. This is folwed by a recapitulation of the social not far away. enditions which in any way can be onnected with crime. Then comes the author's special study, in which statis-tics play a large part, of the way in men are sitting. "The eyes of all the which economic conditions, such as lence of the several classes of crimes. Whether the conclusions the author forms be accepted or not, he states his arguments jucidly and in an interest- Her hair was unburnished gold, dull and ng manner.

THE HOME UNIVERSITY. Itilitarian Philosophy.

It is pleasant to come across more volumes of the very convenient "Home University Library" (Williams and

Written by a Ger- on the veranda were not agitated, why they looked upon this great beauty manforGermans. This is the finest war has yet produced. Daring everything, clubhouse. even the hatred of his own people, the author flouts the "My-country-right-or-wrong"brand of patriotic appeal, and fearlessly calls to his countrymen in the name of the Right, and of the Right only.

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this tale we find a man who is apparent- Norgate: Henry Holt and Company) homesick when they read Mrs. Mary she has children and they live com- by the last expression of the degeneracy after a rather long interval. An account of the ideas which dominated her girlhood days on a farm up the author makes us look at ordinary fortably enough till she persuades of a once middle class family. The events in life. The elderly love story herself that she has never loved her death of his wife shocks him into action in Memories of Eighty Years (The Knickerbecker Press, New York). husband. A bad scare rids her of that tion and he determines to win back only in England, but to some degree (The Knickerbocker Press, New York). It is a faithful enough though not times of stress, passing over the meth-very kindly picture of undistinguished ods by which he achieves success. These he leads us to believe are gen-which leads up to the volume on Herdelightful memories of home life and of bert Spencer already published, her girlish occupations will revive Though some of the lesser lights are pleasant thoughts in much younger from infancy to full manhood is de- dealt with briefly the author practi- people than herself. Her record scribed more fully and sympatheti-cally. The boy has his father's quali-ties tempered with some kindly feel-Stuart Mill and their ideas and seems | American social history and New Stuart Mill and their ideas and seems American social history and New

once inspired.

The hundredth volume of the serie devoted to a brief history of Poland by W. Allison Phillips, a timely book. which the author abridges greatly he early history in which the Poles hemselves glory and deals chiefly with he subjected Poland and her troubles from the time of the first partition. In the last chapters that treat of exsting conditions and the present war the author shows at times his preju dice against the Germans.

An intensive study of Dante, the sthetic appreciation of the difficulties that confront special students, is what not brought up on the precepts of the Prof. Jefferson Butler Fletcher of Co English Common Law deal with the lumbia offers in his monograph. He considers his personality as revealed tieth century analysts; his politica somehow disappear in the picture. We imagine that those who are fortunately able to read Dante in the original are still impressed with the countless passages of immortal beauty which they translated by Thomas S. Bell (Little, can fully understand and feel and are eady to pass over these in which the oet is tangled up with the theologian ome idea of the Dante of convention the lover of Beatrice, the patriot, the exile would have not been out of lace. As it is, Prof. Fletcher's view will interest scholars.

on the Continent too, the second vol- It is the days before the war and beume to appear on "Political Thought | fore farm machinery that she describes in England" has been written by Dr. with a wonderful wealth of details, but to retain something of the awe they Yorkers will appreciate her accounts of her visits to the city before horse car were running.

Her lineage made it natural for he o find school teaching her vocation For many years she taught in privat schools in Maryland, and these includthe period of the civil war. She limits herself largely to personal matters for these years, in which the reader perhaps might wish to find the impressions of a Northern woman in a order State. She speaks of her friends f some famous persons that she saw and of her work, but does not touch on any of the events of the war. She was devoted to her teaching and kept it up

even after her marriage. It was her fortune to see a good deal the Philippines and of the Orien fter she was 70 years of age and the xperiences of these later years sh eems of most interest to her readers She tells them with the vividness and enthusiasm of a young girl. Pleasan is her descriptions are, however, the re similar to those of younger people and there is less of the personal not The reader is gratified when he strikes that again in her account of the country home in New Jersey, where she rests, and the long journeys she still takes. It is an inspiring portrait of a woman who is active and young at eighty-three.

ABOUT THE WAR.

A strange and exciting story of per onal adventures is told by France Wilson Huard, the wife of Charle MRS. BROOKE'S MEMOIRS. Field of Honor (George 11. Doran A good many people may well feel Company). Her home was the château

VIVID STORY OF THE EAST

We are not told in Dolf Wyllarde's. This man had no idea of the senti- story of an enjoyable excursion a hot weather, and the novelist says that in Bombay, where there is vegetation, the place was held to be the abomination of desolation. Some other places in the story bore suggestively between the story bore suggestively and the contraction of the nomic Conditions has been added in the places in the story bore suggestively Everard was acting Chief Justice at translation of Henry P. Horton (Little. fanciful names. Banishment was one Exile. He was corrupt, abominable, fanciful names. very well serve as an introduction to Health was a long way off. Its physithe study of criminology, for it begins cal character is not clear to us; it may

> Interest is sharply excited when Mrs. Everard comes along past the clubhouse veranda, where the gossiping men were focussed upon her." She was beautiful. She was tall, "built indeed as if for a pedestal." Her gown was white and she wore a rain-

have an idea that that torrid port was

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story of "Exile" (John Lane Company) ment that the lady entertained for him. as a guide just where the British military post Hervey was his name. He was large, British Cathedrals. called Exile was situated; but it was probably on the edge of Arabia, for there had provided the great works, a Rev. P. H. Ditchfield's The Cathedre were camels and desert sands and very marvel of engineering, situated at cal character is not clear to us; it may toward his beautiful wife. There was a few years ago, another is the fear have been an oasis. Steamers coming every reason why this neglect should the author expresses that the destruction of French and Belgian cathedral

night, heard her name called cautiously and the wish that this book may be "Claudia! Claudia!" Her husband record of what they are now. came in through the window. He was Tennis, haken with dreadful fear. His dark judicial ways were on the point of heng discovered. The wronged and madtear him to pieces. He had been in Banishment indulging his low in-

calmly. "One does not," she says, there was plentiful luxury. Hervey prominent women who play lawn "grow enthusiastic over the law of looked upon Claudia's beauty. He was tennis. gravitation or the power of steam, not a delicate man. He holdly made Both are proven facts and no longer his bargain. Claudia's ready acquies-This is the finest discoveries. Mrs. Everard's beauty cence surprised him. He wondered if was of the same order." The lady she had it in mind to shoot. It was of horticulturists is at last attended to properly by Hugh Findley in House patriotism which the by the veranda, and yet her temples thinking of that letter, fast locked in throbbed and her heart was beating his safe upstairs? Did she think there pletons). He deals with all the plant violently. She loved one of the men were more ways than one of obtaining that are ever raised indoors, the quawho were regarding her from the it? He wondered how such a woman tity of which may overawe the would hold a revolver, and whether sor of one or two, but among them those white hands would falter with the special plants each householder death in their grip! He thought not, trying to keep alive, and the gene There was a certain cold suspicion in directions as to soil, fertilizers, directions his face turned toward her now. He eases, insect pests and so forth apply began to realize that despite her calm to all. The book will be welcome her eyes had never once met his. She city dwellers who love flowers. had kept them indifferently on her plate, on the menu, on the room-any- Rose Culture. where but on him, as if she knew they Those gardeners on any scale wh might betray her. Even now she was looking at the flowers with a little mass of varied and up to date in softening of her perfect face into most mation in the first issue of The Ame

ong the mob and saw him slain.

Her vivid account of the state of mind of people and of the happenings in the days preceding and immediately following the declaration of war may be of the same general character as the testimony of many others. She de cided, however, to stay in her house and turn it into an emergency hos-pital. When the Germans advanced she was obliged to leave it, and it is her experiences as she wandered about seeking a place of safety that give the distinctive character to her book. Luck helped her, no doubt, for she somehow escaped the German scouts as she passed rather blindly from one place to another, just ahead of them, but it was her pluck and level head that enabled her to go of with her companions and to overcome the difficulties that arose. No fiction can equal the excitement of that yourney. When the Germans were driven back she made her way again to the ruins of her home, and her testimony as to what Gen. von Kluck's staff did to it can hardly be refuted. The direct, matter of fact way in which she relates her story makes every point tell, so that it is one of the most interesting the war has brought out The illustrations are by her husband.

War Pamphlets.

In the "Pages d'Histoire" series pub lished by Berger-Levrault, Paris, the record of events is continued in Chroologie de la Guerre, Juillet-Décembre 1915, and a further collection of ex pressions of foreign opinion appears in Voix de l'Amérique Latine. A plea for the maintenance of the Anglo-Japanese agreement and an exposition of how much Japan has to hope from England and how little from German will be found in a pamphlet by J. W Robertson-Scott, printed in Englis and in Japanese, Japan, Great Britan and the World (Japan Advertiser Tokyo). It is in the form of refutaon of Japanese views with which e author disagrees.

VARIED INFORMATION. Pleasant Roman Guide.

The strenuous task of showing the ghts of Rome to the traveller in hirty days is undertaken by Andr Maurel in A Month in Rome (G. 1 Putnam's Sons), which Helen Gerard has translated. No more pleasing uide could be selected, for the author as the requisite information abo istory, archieology and art which the ntelligent visitor needs. He is obligesystematize his work, however, and for each day's excursion he provide convenient little map. Memory ided by many small photographs. Th uthor manages to blend very ssfully the asthetic conversati tyle of the Hare "Walks," practical information the guide boo Being a Frenchman he ess dogmatic in his criticisms and less retentious than his British predec

ors. Those obliged to do Rome

hurry will find his little book

valuable; these who can take their time about it, will find it helpful is many ways. The Transcontinental Motor Trip. Now that records are being set for peed in the trip across the continen may become popular among the atomobile devotees. Mrs. Emily Pos n the journey which she describes ly Motor to the Golden Gate (Apletons) paid more attention to con ort than to speed and did it in twent; even, days. She gives a chatty ount of personal experiences, te the pleasures and discomforts he little adventures that must happ every one. She took a somew! about route. At the end ar ints and directions for those may be tempted to follow in

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of Great Britain (J. M. Dent and Sor of the Dent historical guide book Mrs. Everard, alone in her house at m. , possibly be extended to Englan

There is no doubt a marked differ ence in the manner in which mos dened Arab population was likely to that of even unpretentious male ama gown was white and she wore a rainbow silk scarf round her shoulders. Her hair was unburnished gold, dull and rich, not metallic. Her skin was pure white and colorless; her lips the reduction in the observer's impression her cause there were no roses in her cheeks; her eyes "as nearly purple as human eyes can be, with a dash of brown in them that at times made them look wine colored, the brows and lashes faintly black."

Banishment indulging his low inclinations and was now fleeing to the clinations and was now fleeing to the clination and was now fleeing to the clinations and was now fleeing to all players. Her comments on not The matter concerning the letter was American players are interesting. The settled in an isolated bungalow where book is illustrated with pictures of

softening of her perfect tace into most tender beauty." The chapter is long-lit accords full detail. "Don't you understand? I love you!" This was in a whisper. Her arms were about his city has been issuing annual bulleting. for some years past; in this annu There is plenty besides to make the it has gathered many papers, general story vivid. The Arabs made an end short, by experts and rose lovers as of the wicked Judge. Claudia was well as articles condensing information, and offers a miscellany which is

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